S.No.	Name of Schemes
17.	Exchange of Farmers within the Country.
18.	State Land Use Board.
19.	Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects.
20.	Soil Conservation in the Catchments of Flood Prone Rivers.
21.	EEC Alkali Land Reclamation Project.
22.	Damodar Valley Corporation.
23.	Development of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants.
24.	Use of Plastics in Agriculture.
25.	Development of Commercial Floriculture.
26.	Development of Mushroom.
27.	Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid Temperate Zone Fruits.
28.	Development of Root & Tuber Crops.
29.	Development of Betelvine.
30.	Development of Vegetables.
31.	Integrated Development of Spices.
32.	Investment in Debentures of LDBs.
33.	Non Overdue Cover Scheme.
34.	Agriculture Credit Stabilisation Fund Scheme.
35.	Assistance to Weaker Section Cooperatives.
36.	Assistance to Women's Cooperations.
37.	Timely Reporting Scheme.
38.	Improvement of Crop Statistics.
39.	Livestock Census.
40.	Agricultural Census.

Low Production of rice in Orissa

1096. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether per hectare production of rice in the State of Orissa is very low as compared to other states;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have made any effort in Eighth Plan or proposed to make efforts in Ninth Plan to increase per hectare production of rice in various regions in that State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) The per hectare productivity of rice in Orissa was higher than that of Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan and lower as compared to other major rice growing States during the triennium ending 1995-96. The low productivity of rice in Orissa is mainly attributed to less areas under irrigation, low consumption of fertilisers, low coverage under High Yielding Varieties, cultivation of rice under diversified situation and regional imbalances with low standard of cultivation, etc.

(c) and (d) For increasing the productivity and production of rice in rice growing State including Orissa, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas" was implemented during Eighth Five Year Plan and is likely to continued during Ninth Plan. Under the scheme, assistance is being provided to the farmers for the use of location-specific high yielding varieties, improved farm implements and adoption of Improved Crop Production Technologies through demonstrations on farmers' fields and training of farmers.